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The Honorable Richard G. Lugar Chairman Committee on Foreign Relations United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your letter of 29 April 1985, 25X1 in which you requested a classification review of testimony by Mr. Fritz Ermarth, National Intelligence Officer for the USSR. Mr. Ermarth testified on 22 February 1985 before the Committee on Foreign Relations on "Trends in Soviet Strategic and Foreign Policy."

Mr. Ermarth reviewed the transcript of the briefing on 22 May 1985. He determined that the overall classification of pages 3 through 27, which includes his testimony and statements by of CIA, should be SECRET

Please note that the remainder of the testimony should remain classified at the TOP SECRET

This information is also being provided to Ranking Minority Member Pell.

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Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

Charles A. Briggs Director, Office of Legislative Liaison



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